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VIA: Chief, Liaison Division/OLL

FROM:
Liaison Division/OLL

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SUBJECT: Civil Service Retirement

1. On 4 October, I met with Robert Honig, Staff Director of the Federal Government Service Task Force. Honig is the principal author of the attached publication, "Ten Myths About Civil Service Retirement."

2. Honig stated that this paper was written as a public rebuttal to an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) "dog and pony show" that went around the country this year. OPM stressed that the Civil Service Retirement System is saddled with unfunded liabilities and therefore reform is warranted. This assertion was picked up by the press, and constituents began to pressure their representatives to do something. Honig states that the staff attempted to be objective in the paper and edited out claims that might be criticized by pro-civil service reform groups.

3. The Task Force is a bipartisan group of 44 Members, most of whom are Democrats who represent districts with large concentrations of federal government employees. While the staff is concerned with drafting and monitoring legislation affecting the issues relevant to federal employees, it is very small and has very limited funding. The Chairman is Michael D. Barnes (D., MD) and the Vice Chairman is Vic Fazio (D., CA).

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